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NEW YORK CITY. Night.

I'LL TAKE ZODIAC RHYME TIME FOR $600, ALEX.

--PARTLY FROM LATIN FOR "CRIME," A WICKED AND IMMORAL WATER BEARER--

GEORGE

Hm...

...WHAT IS A NEFARIOUS AQUARIUS?

WHAT IS CANCER DANCER?

THAT IS INCORRECT. LEO OR DIANA?

?

BOP BOP BOP

WHO--

AARGGHH

LET ME GO!

VOOP

STOP IT

SLAM

Hrchchckkkk

SLAM

WHAT IS, A NEFARIOUS AQUARIUS?

SLAM

DETECTIVE BENTLY

SLAM

DETECTIVE BENTLY?

TWO

9TH PRECINCT.
East 5th Street.

SO?

WHAT DO WE THINK?

THE PERPETRATOR CAME IN THROUGH AN OPEN WINDOW AT APPROXIMATELY **19:00 HOURS.** THE VIC'S CAUSE OF DEATH APPEARS TO BE **BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA** TO THE **HEAD** AND **NECK.**

Mm.

OTHER POSSIBLE OPTIONS ARE THE **COLLAPSED WINDPIPE** CAUSING ASPHYXIATION OR EVEN POSSIBLE **DROWNING** FROM ALL THE BLOOD FOUND IN HER LUNGS.

SURE, THAT OR NO LONGER HAVING HER HEAD **ATTACHED** TO HER SHOULDERS.

NOTHING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN. NO FORCED ENTRY. IT FITS WITH THE OTHER THREE VICTIMS WE HAVE IN THOSE WAYS. THAT'S THE ONLY CONNECTIVE TISSUE I CAN SEE SO FAR.

BUT THE WAY THEY ALL DIED... THERE'S NO **MODUS OPERANDI** FOR **HOW** OUR PERPETRATOR CARRIES OUT THEIR KILLINGS. OR **WHY** THEY KILL WHO THEY HAVE KILLED.

YOU'RE THINKING TOO HARD ABOUT IT.

HOW'S THAT?

THEY'RE **KILLERS.** KILLERS **KILL.** THAT'S WHY THOSE PEOPLE DIED.

A BIT **REDUCTIVE,** MASLOW, DON'T WE THINK?

OCCAM'S RAZOR, BENTLY. THE SIMPLEST ANSWER?

THAT'S USUALLY THE RIGHT ONE...

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

OUR **RAZOR.**

COME ON--

--LET'S GO FIND **OCCAM.**

SNAP

OKAY, THAT SHOULD DO IT!

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THANK YOU, SVEN. IF YOU COULD JUST GIVE US A MINUTE, WE'LL BE OUT OF YOUR HAIR SO YOU CAN PACK UP.

IN WITH A SMILE
SETH HOLMS

OF COURSE, MS. CAMPBELL. I SPOTTED A COMPLIMENTARY SNACK SECTION IN YOUR KITCHEN AREA I WANTED TO ACQUAINT MYSELF WITH.

SO, HOW **ARE** YOU, SETH?

I DIDN'T KNOW THE CHARON OFFICES WENT THIS HIGH UP. WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO THIS FLOOR?

NOT LONG AFTER ***HE CAME IN WITH A SMILE*** HIT THE **TOP** OF THE **BESTSELLERS LIST.**

Top spot gets you the *top spot,* huh.

YOU COULD HAVE COME TO VISIT ANYTIME.

SURE, IF I WASN'T SO BUSY TRYING TO WRITE YOU THE NEXT BOOK THAT GETS YOU A COUPLE FLOORS HIGHER.

HOW MANY MORE **ARE** THERE TO CLIMB?

MORE THAN **PAGES** I'VE SEEN FROM YOU.

FAIR ENOUGH.

SMILE

SETH HOLMS

HOW **ARE** THE PAGES COMING?

REALLY GOOD, ACTUALLY. I SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU BY WEEK'S END.

CARE TO TELL ME WHAT THEY'RE ABOUT?

YOU'VE WAITED **TEN YEARS,** I THINK YOU CAN WAIT A FEW MORE DAYS.

"FAIR ENOUGH."

DING

SHIT!

Dammit. CAN YOU HOLD THIS?

PAIGE? HEY, CAN I GET A TOWEL BROUGHT TO MY OFFICE?

RIGHT AWAY, MS. CAMP-BELL!

THANK YOU.

DAILY

NYDailyNews

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emains of woman found decapitated. Could NYC have a new serial killer

HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING UP WITH THIS?

I'VE SEEN SOME OF IT.

GRUESOME STUFF. JUST **GRISLY.**

I THINK THERE HAVE BEEN THREE SO FAR THAT THE POLICE BELIEVE ARE CONNECTED?

Mm. THAT SO?

YEAH, I READ THAT THEY CAN'T FIND A COMMONALITY, THOUGH. WELL, BESIDES HOW **NASTY** THEY'VE ALL BEEN.

YOU KNOW...

ABSOLUTELY NOT, CAMILLE.

WHAT? *Oh,* YOU THOUGHT I MEANT--?

Hah, **NO.** DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO SOLVE THIS ONE, TOO.

BESIDES--

--WE STILL DON'T KNOW IF THE **ENDING** WILL BE ANY GOOD.

SO...

...WHERE ARE WE GOING?

TOLD YA' ALREADY.

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RIGHT. OCCAM...

...AND WHO IS THAT, EXACTLY?

NOT **WHO**-- YOU HAD IT THE FIRST TIME.

THE QUESTION IS **"WHERE"**...

...AND THAT'S HERE.

THIS WAY.

WHERE ARE WE?

NO LOCK?

THE ONLY SECURITY FEATURE THIS PLACE NEEDS IS ITS OWN HISTORY.

YOU ASKED ME WHY KILLERS KILL.

TEN YEARS BACK, WE GOT A CALL IN ONE NIGHT FROM DISPATCH.

A ONE-FOUR-ZERO.

HAD A DIFFERENT PARTNER AT THE TIME, OBVIOUSLY. DETECTIVE RICCI. ANTHONY, WAS HIS NAME.

HE HAD THIS BAKERY HE LIKED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, SO WE WERE THE NEAREST CAR.

WHEN WE GOT HERE, A PLAIN-CLOTHES OFFICER WAS WAITING FOR US OUTSIDE.

HE REFUSED TO GO BACK INSIDE WITH US.

THE SECOND OFFICER ON THE SCENE WAS WAITING OUTSIDE THE APARTMENT DOOR.

HE WOULDN'T GO BACK IN.

YOU ASKED ME WHY KILLERS KILL?

THAT NIGHT--

--THAT FIRST OF WHAT WOULD BECOME **MANY** NIGHTS-- IT TAUGHT ME SOMETHING.

THERE'S THINGS LIKE **GOOD** AND THERE'S THINGS LIKE **BAD.** BUT **SOME** THINGS... THERE IS JUST **NO EXPLAINING** SOME THINGS.

THERE'S JUST NO EXPLAINING **WRONG.**

KLAP KLAP KLAP KLAP

THANK YOU.

WONDERFUL! SO, SETH, I GUESS JUST ONE MORE QUESTION FROM ME BEFORE WE OPEN IT UP TO THE AUDIENCE.

IT'S BEEN **TEN YEARS** SINCE YOU SOLVED THE **NURSERY RHYME MURDERS.** WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU?

HOW DO YOU MEAN?

I THINK EVERYONE HERE WOULD AGREE THAT WE'RE EXCITED TO KNOW WHAT YOUR NEXT SUBJECT WILL BE! A **COLD CASE?** PERHAPS SOMETHING **FRESHER?**

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, FOLKS?!

KLAP KLAP KLAP KLAP KLAP KLAP

NO, I--

I'M SURE YOU'VE SEEN THE HEADLINES RECENTLY, AND I GUESS WE'RE ALL JUST WONDERING-- COULD **THIS** BE YOUR NEXT BIG CASE?

A STRING OF GRISLY, UNSOLVED MURDERS TERRORIZING OUR CITY? COULD IT BE THE WORK OF A **LONE WOLF**... OR PERHAPS A **PACK**?

THAT'S NOT-

I DON'T KNOW, SETH, THIS COULD BE EVEN BETTER THAN YOUR DEBUT, DON'T WE THINK SO, FOLKS?!

Please--

KLAPKLAP

I'm writing a ***romance*** novel.

CLAP?

You're ***what?***

Ahem

I SAID, I'M...*uh*... WRITING A **ROMANCE NOVEL.**

Oh.

YOU'RE ALL DISGUSTING!

EXCUSE ME, MA'AM, I'M SORRY BUT WE HAVEN'T OPENED UP THE AUDIENCE Q&A PORTION YET.

THAT **WASN'T** A QUESTION.

THAT YOU ALL SIT HERE APPLAUDING THIS FRAUD IS FRANKLY **PATHETIC.**

YOU LAP UP HIS WORDS LIKE SO MUCH SWEET HONEY THAT IT **BLINDS** YOU TO THE **TRUTH!**

Ma'am...

THIS **CHARLATAN** CLAIMS TO HAVE CAUGHT MY DAUGHTER'S KILLER NIGH ON A DECADE BACK? I SAY **BALONEY!**

BALONEY! YOU HEAR ME?!

Ma'am, *please--*

YOU, SIR, ARE **BALONEY!**

NOT A **DAY** GOES BY THAT I DON'T DREAM ABOUT MY **BEAUTIFUL BABY GIRL** AND FINDING WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING HER FROM ME.

THAT'S WHY I SET UP WWW.KATIESKILLER.COM.

IF YOU GO TO MY WEBSITE, YOU'LL FIND EDITIONS OF THIS T-SHIRT YOU SEE ME WEARING HERE TONIGHT--

--AS WELL AS THE SAME IMAGE ON **COFFEE MUGS, TOTE BAGS** AND EVEN **COASTERS!**

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A **DEDICATED TIP JAR BUTTON.**

DON'T WANT ANY MERCHANDISE?

EVEN **ONE DOLLAR** COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN FINDING THE PSYCHOPATH WHO ACTUALLY KILLED KATIE.

HAVE A THEORY OF YOUR OWN ON WHAT HAPPENED? THAT'S WHAT OUR DEDICATED MESSAGE BOARD IS FOR!

GET IN ON THE CONVERSATION!

FUCK ME.

"OH, COME ON, IT'LL BE **GREAT**, SETH!"

"IT'S A CELEBRATION OF YOUR WORK, SETH!"

"A **CRAZY** LADY IS GOING TO SHOW UP AND TRY TO PROFIT OFF THE BACK OF HER DEAD FUCKING KID, SETH!"

"THIS DAFT—

...HELLO?

HEY, CAN I HELP YOU?

HELLO?

I SAW YOU IN THE BOOKSTORE, CAN I HELP YOU?

HEY!

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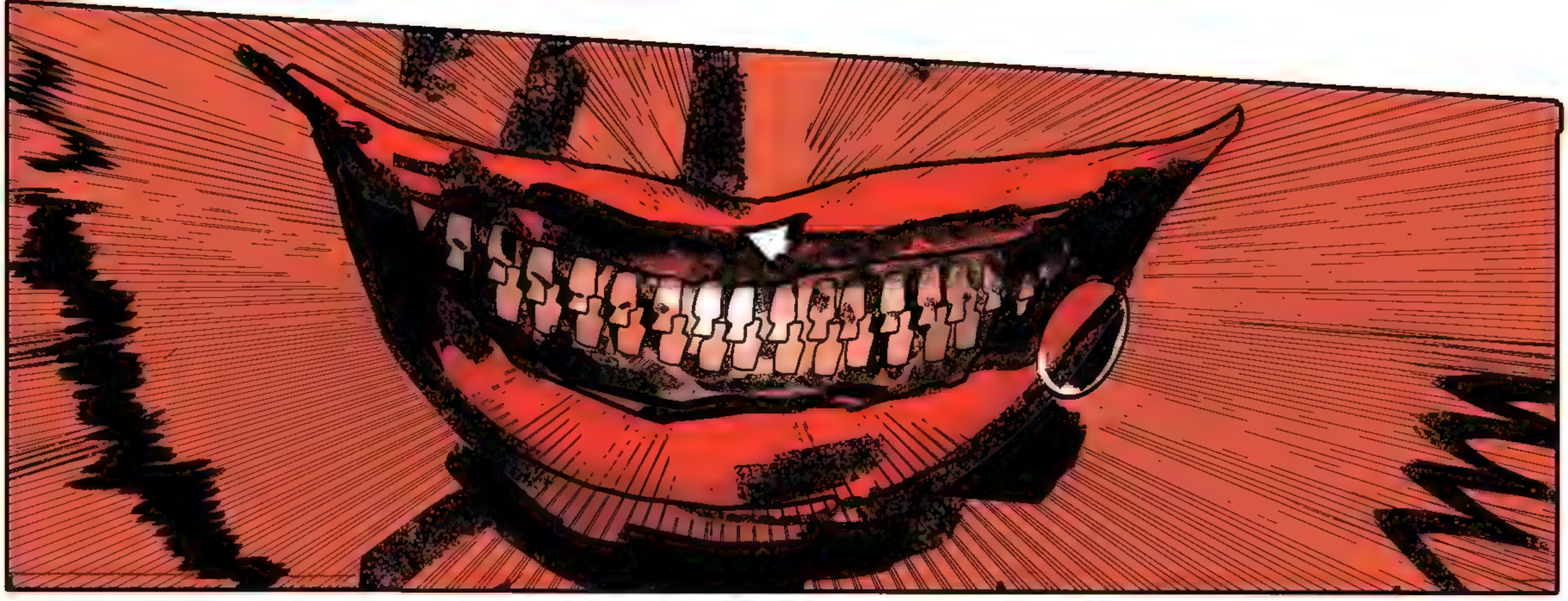

WHERE DID YOU GO...?

TAP TAP TAP TAP

The fuck—

ZIIIIIP

Oh FUCK.

now balance

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now balance

--fuckfuckFUCKfuck--

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

To be
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MONTH...

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